THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 30th March 1950.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Grant of certified copies of documents by the Revenue Authorities without Civil Courts certificates

* 28 Q[a] .—SRI N. VENKATACHALAMAJI (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have passed orders for the Revenue Authorities granting certified copies (except in the case of privileged documents) without insisting on certificates from civil courts?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The Government have issued instructions to District Collectors to grant certified copies of documents to bona fide applicants and persons interested in the subject-matter of the document without the production of a court certificate."

Alleged speech of the Hon. the Finance Minister at Kurnool regarding corruption among officials.

* 29 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he addressed a public meeting in Kurnool during his recent tour along with the Hon. Chief Minister;

(*b*) whether, in the course of his speech, he gave expression to the view that everybody is corrupt including the Hon. Ministers and officials;

(*c*) if so, whether the opinion he expressed is his personal opinion or the opinion of the Government; and

(*d*) whether the Government have received representations that the expression of such irresponsible, frivolous and preposterous opinion is not calculated to enhance the prestige of and respect for the Government?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Does not arise.

" (*d*) No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what exactly is the view he expressed and which has been misreported? "

[a] Short notice question.